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METHODS OF USING THE SAME

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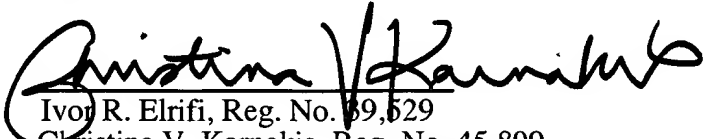
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the October 21, 2002 Office Action in the above-identified application. With the one-month extension, this filing is due on or before February 21, 2003.

A check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed herewith as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1). The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 20363-011. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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